

Remarks

Claims 14-19 are currently pending and stand rejected under 35 USC §112. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendments above.

Interview Summary

A phone interview was conducted on June 30, 2006. During the interview it was indicated that the proposed amendments reviewed by the Examiner satisfactorily overcame the outstanding §112 rejections. The Examiner was unable to provide guidance as to the Applicant's inquiry concerning patentable subject matter.

112 Rejections

Claims 14-19 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first Paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 USC §112 second paragraph as failing to point out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 14-19

Independent claim 14 stands rejected under 35 USC 112 first paragraph for failing to show support in the specification for the "applying a function" step recited therein. In claim 14 the term "function" has been replaced with the term "purge script" the support for which can be found in paragraph 0005, 0012 and also Appendix A which shows 50 messages per second sub element. Therefore, the 112 first paragraph rejection may be withdrawn. As dependent claims 15-19 were rejected due to their dependency on claim 14, the first paragraph rejection as to dependent claims 15-19 can also be withdrawn.

Claim 19

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 USC §112 second paragraph as failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention. Specifically, that the term "computer executable code for performing the expunging" lacked antecedent basis. Claim 19 has been amended to recite: "The procedure of claim 18 wherein the memory contains an executable computer code for performing the

expunging and further comprises a fault database.” As such, claim 19 now exhibits proper antecedent basis and the 112 rejection can be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 14-19 is in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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